

SWABS, SPECIMEN TRANSPORT, AND STORAGE

Following Ct/Ng swab or urine collection, transport and store the Roche or Aptima PCR Media Tube containing the sample at 2°C to 30°C. The collected specimens are stable for up to 12 months.

Instructions for Specimen Labeling:

- 1) Add the patient name or patient ID, collection date, etc. on the transport tube.
- 2) Write the sample type on tube (example urine, vaginal, endocervical, throat, or rectal).
- 3) Multiple samples from one patient will require multiple laboratory requisition forms. (example, for a patient with a urine, throat, and rectal sample three requisition forms must be used each form and sample with a unique barcode number and the sample must be labeled with sample type).
- 4) Place an IDPH provided barcode label on the transport tube lengthwise. DO NOT apply around the tube.
- 5) Complete all fields on the test requisition including the patient age. Please print neatly in all capital letters.
- 6) Fill in bubble for the correct test or tests requested.
- 7) Place a matching barcode label on the completed requisition form.
- 8) List Medicaid number on the requisition form if available.
- 9) Transport the specimen to the laboratory at 2°C to 30°C.

Instructions for Specimen Shipping:

- 1) Place some absorbent material into the Biohazard 95kPa bag.
- 2) Place the specimen(s) into Biohazard bag and seal securely.
- 3) Place the biohazard bag and lab requisition form(s) in the fiberboard shipping container.
- 4) Affix both the UN3373 Biological Substance label and pre-printed UPS shipping label.

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Shipping Supplies: Please contact the Springfield IDPH Laboratory at 217-782-6562.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS:

Roche cobas® PCR Media contains guanidine hydrochloride. Do not allow direct contact between guanidine hydrochloride and sodium hypochlorite (bleach) or other highly reactive reagents such as acids and bases. These mixtures can release a noxious gas.

- If cobas® PCR Media is spilled, FIRST clean the area with a suitable laboratory detergent and water, and then with 0.5% sodium hypochlorite.
- Avoid contact of the cobas® PCR Media with the skin, eyes, or mucous membranes. If contact does occur, immediately wash the affected area(s) with large amounts of water.
- For technical assistance, call the Roche Response Center toll-free: 1-800-526-1247.